

REMARKS

This Amendment is submitted supplementary to the previous Amendment and in connection with the interview with the Examiner.

During the interview it was determined that it would be advisable to further amend claims 1 and 7 to more clearly distinguish the present invention from the prior art.

Claims 1 and 7 have been amended correspondingly.

In particular, claims 1 and 7 specifically define that each of the mechanical devices of the inventive unit has two holes which are spaced from one another in a first direction, so that two conductors can be inserted into the holes and arranged spaced from one another in the same first direction, and wherein the levers and of the operating lever and the parts of the elastic strip in each mechanical device are spaced from one another in the same direction. These features clearly distinguish the present invention from the prior art represented by the patent to Gelati.

In the patent to Gelati, as shown in particular in Figure 3, the holes 3 are spaced from one another in a first direction, so that two conductors can be inserted and spaced from one another in said first direction. In contrast, the individual levers 16 are spaced from one another not in the same first direction, but instead in a direction which is transverse to the above mentioned first direction.

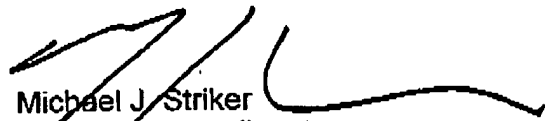
It is therefore believed that the present invention as defined in claims 1 and 7 clearly and patentably distinguishes from the prior art presented by the patent to Gelati.

Reconsideration and allowance of the present application is most respectfully requested.

Should the Examiner require or consider it advisable that the specification, claims and/or drawings be further amended or corrected in formal respects in order to place this case in condition for final allowance, then it is respectfully requested that such amendments or corrections be carried out by Examiner's Amendment, and the case be passed to issue. Alternatively, should the Examiner feel that a personal discussion might be

helpful in advancing this case to allowance, he is invited to telephone the undersigned (at 631-549-4700).

Respectfully submitted,



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